

Mark DeSio - I was born and raised in Seminole, Florida. I come from a large Catholic family, one of six kids, and attended Catholic School until my senior year. Growing up I spent all my energy outside skateboarding the neighborhood and playing basketball. My family went to Mass every Sunday and I altar served since sixth grade. I never desired to be a priest and assumed my vocation was marriage. As a teenager, I followed the crowd and strayed from the faith. After I graduated high school, I began to pray each night and by the grace of God, I came back to the sacraments and ultimately to Christ. I started volunteering at my home parish, Blessed Sacrament in Seminole. I helped out at youth group, coached sports, and became a Eucharistic Minister. Having my heart set on marriage and a career, I dated and studied to be a firefighter. During my second year of college, I found myself dissatisfied with my plans and began sincerely asking the Lord for his. I desired to know more about my faith, and to share Jesus Christ with everyone I encounter. God led me to seminary and as I enter into my third year, I can honestly say I have no regrets in placing all my trust in Him.